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Second Brigade's homecoming continues

FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 3, 2008) – Excited cheers and welcomed home about 100 Soldiers with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division came home to a pleasant evening breeze and roughly 300 friends and family members at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field tonight.

Third Infantry Division Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations Lt. Col. Douglas Crissman greeted the Soldiers of the 2nd BCT and thanked them for a job well done during the brigade's 13-month deployment to southern Baghdad.

"You allowed true progress to occur," Crissman said. "Be proud of your accomplishments and the history you've made."

The brigade was located in Arab Jabour and detained more than 800 terrorist suspects and helped foster Iraqi self-governance. Second Brigade Soldiers blocked weapons from entering the Iraqi capital, protected the local population, and trained Iraqi security forces. To date, about 1,100 2BCT Soldiers have come home.

Following Crissman's welcome at Fort Stewart and singing the national anthem, the Marne Song and the Army Song accompanied by the 3rd Infantry Division Band, the family members and friends rushed from the bleacher's reviewing stands to greet their Soldiers.